

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Abe et al.)	Examiner: Murdough
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Application No.: 10/690,778)	Art Unit: 3621
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Filed: 10/22/2003)	Conf No: 1597
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For: CONFIDENTIAL FRAUD DETECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated 12/11/2007, Applicant elects Group 1, claims 1-18 and 35-37 with traverse. Applicant also elects species A, Figure 1, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of both groups is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one of the groups would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining groups. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP

§803, in which it is stated that “if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits” (emphasis added).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Restriction/Election Requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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